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Home (S) Department

NOTIFICATION

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Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 11th March, 2026 / 27th Kumbham,1201 / 20th Phalguna, 1947.

S. R. O. No. 434/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (2) of section 179 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 46 of 2023), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules, namely :-

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Rules

1. *Short title and commencement:*

(1) These rules may be called "Procedure for Payment to the Persons called for Revealing Facts Rules, 2025".

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Definitions* - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,

(a) “Investigating Officer” means the officer-in-charge of a police station or any other officer authorized under the Sanhita to conduct an investigation;
(b) "Reasonable Expenses" refers to the actual, necessary and justifiable costs incurred by the summoned person to attend the investigation, to pass information in connection with investigation of a case, strictly as per the rates and modes specified in these rules or existing government financial norms;

(c) "Sanhita" means the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023;
(d) "Travel Expense" means the cost of conveyance from the person's residence to the place of attendance and back, based on the approved mode of travel and rate fixation.

3. *General Principles:-*

(1) Any police officer conducting an investigation may, by a written order, require any person, who is residing within the limits of the police station or that of any adjoining station and who appears, based on information received or otherwise, to have knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the case, to appear before the officer.

(2) Such person shall comply with the requirement and attend as directed.
(3) No male person under the age of fifteen years or above the age of sixty years, no woman, no person with mental or physical disabilities and no person suffering from acute illness shall be required to attend at any place other than their residence.

(4) Further, if such a person voluntarily agrees to attend at the police station, they may be allowed to do so.

(5) The reasonable expense for the purpose of attendance of a person before the officer as travel expense, under sub-section (1), requires to be made by the police officer to that person, if the person is directed to appear at place other than his residence.

4. *Eligibility and Scope of Expenses*

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- Eligibility: Any person, other than those specifically exempted under the first proviso to Section 179(1) (males under 15 or over 60 years, women, mentally/physically disabled persons, or persons with acute illness), who is required by a written order to attend before a police officer for investigation at a place other than their residence, is eligible for reimbursement. Exempted persons attending voluntarily may also be considered for reimbursement.
- Scope: Expenses covered include actual travel costs, daily allowance for meals and incidentals and accommodation if an overnight stay is necessary.

5. *Mode of Travel*

The mode of travel permitted is generally public transport (e.g., bus, train general/sleeper class). Higher classes of travel (e.g., AC train compartments, flights) may be permitted in exceptional circumstances, subject to prior approval by the Sanctioning Authority, considering the distance and urgency.

6. *Rate Fixation*

- Travel: Reimbursement shall be for the actual fare incurred for the approved mode of public transport (e.g., bus or railway general/sleeper compartment) or mileage allowance for personal vehicle use as per existing government Travelling Allowance (TA) norms.
- Daily Allowance (DA) and Accommodation: Rates for daily allowance and accommodation (if applicable) shall be fixed in line with the existing daily allowance and accommodation entitlement of state government employees of a specified relevant grade (Grade C or D).

7. *Procedure for Claiming and Disbursal*

- Claim Submission: The summoned individual must submit a claim form to the Investigating Officer detailing the expenses incurred, supported by original receipts, tickets, and any other relevant documents.
- Disbursal: Upon sanction, the amount shall be disbursed directly to the claimant's bank account via electronic transfer.

8. *Verification of the Claim*

(i) The Investigating Officer shall verify the submitted claim form and supporting documents for accuracy and adherence to the rules.
(ii) The Investigating Officer will forward the verified claim to the Sanctioning Authority for approval and payment processing. A record of payment shall be maintained in the case file.

9. *Sanctioning Authority*

The authority competent to sanction the expenses will be the Head of the Police Station (Inspector Station House Officer) or a designated police officer (Sub-Divisional

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Police Officer – Deputy Superintendent of Police, Assistant Commissioner of Police) under whose jurisdiction the investigation is being conducted.

10. *Timely Disbursal*

Efforts must be made to process and disburse the claims within a maximum of 15 working days from the date of submission of the complete claim form and documents to the Investigating Officer.

11. *Funding Source*

The funds for these reimbursements will be drawn from the dedicated head in the annual budget of the State Police Department under the Head of Account "34 OC - 03 Other Items" of the concerned unit.

By order of the Governor,

BISHWANATH SINHA,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Sub-section (2) of section 179 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 46 of 2023) empowers the State Government to make rules for the purpose of empowering police officers to pay the reasonable expenses of any person who attends under sub-section (1) at a place other than their residence from the Government Exchequer. Now the Government have decided to formulate rules for the said purpose.

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